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SUBJECT 1. LOCATION OF AN ABANDONED PRISON IN A
KARST FORMATION SOUTH OF BAN THAPACHON IN
KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE
2. CONDITION OF ROUTE 911 IN THE BAN THAPACHON
AREA

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LAOS, VIENTIANE /29 MAY 1970/

SOURCE

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1. AS OF 25 MAY 1970 A CAVE LOCATED ON THE NORTH
SIDE OF A KARST FORMATION AT WE 883651 SOUTH OF BAN
THAPACHON /WE 877054/ IN KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE AND FORMERLY
USED AS A PRISON WAS ABANDONED. THE CAVE APPEARED TO HAVE

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BEEN UNINHABITED FOR AT LEAST THREE TO FOUR MONTHS.

COMMENT. THE EXISTENCE OF A PRISON IN THIS KARST
FORMATION HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED. SEE (TDCS 314/03655-70)

(TDCS 314/09799-69)
ACCORDING TO THE PRISON FORMERLY HOUSED FOREIGN
AIRMEN AS WELL AS LAO INMATES, BUT AS OF SEPTEMBER 1969
ONLY LAO WERE INCARCERATED IN THE CAVE. SEE (CS 311/10032-69)

THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT SINCE SEPTEMBER WHICH INDICATES
THAT THE PRISON IS NO LONGER IN USE. CAVE ENTRANCES
AT WE 877049, WE 879051 AND WE 886050 HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN
IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPHY. THE CAVES ARE SERVED BY A
SPUR ROAD FROM ROUTE 911B BYPASS.

2. THE AREA ENCOMPASSING THE NORTH SIDE OF THE KARST
FORMATION AND THE ROUTE 911 STRUCTURE IN THE VICINITY OF
BAN THAPACHO
BARE NUMEROUS SIGNS OF HEAVY AIRSTRIKES.
ROUTE 911 IN THE VICINITY OF WE 874053 WAS APPROXIMATELY
THREE METERS WIDE [AND VISIBLE FROM THE AIR]. THE DIRT SURFACE
HAD RECEIVED A NUMBER OF DIRECT HITS DURING AIRSTRIKES AND
RESULTING CRATERS WERE FILLED WITH CRUSHED ROCK. THREE
DESTROYED TRUCKS, ONE 10-TON AND TWO MAZ-502'S, WERE OBSERVED
AT WE 874049. SOME VEHICLE TRACKS INDICATED THAT THERE HAD

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BEEN RECENT LIGHT TRAFFIC. A BYPASS IN THE VICINITY OF
WE 872051 SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT TRAFFIC. [REDACTED] COMMENT.
IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER ROUTE 911 WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT
VEHICULAR TRAFFIC DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE RAINY
SEASON. / [REDACTED] COMMENT. ROUTE 911B/C AND ROUTE 911B
BYPASS WERE OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY DATED 28 MAY 1970. /
THE SINGLE-LANE, PACKED-EARTH ROADS APPEARED IN GOOD CONDITION
AND CAPABLE OF HANDLING A LIGHT TO MODERATE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC
DESPITE HEAVY AIRSTRIKES. CURRENT ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE
HOLDINGS ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INFORMATION IN
THIS REPORT. /

3. FIELD DISSEM. STATE ARMY AIR CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC
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